



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA**

*Joe Beninato, Chair  
Richard Roche, Vice Chair  
Mehruddin Jon Ahi, Commissioner  
Susan Mensinger, Commissioner  
Eric Steinle, Commissioner*

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Joe Beninato, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM:** All Planning Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the DRAFT minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of April 3, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Steinle and Second by Commissioner Mensinger to approve the consent calendar. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2. General Plan Amendment: Safety Element and Natural Environment & Hazards Element**

Consideration of a General Plan Amendment to adopt a Safety Element and update the Natural Environment & Hazards Element to maintain the City of Los Altos's General Plan in compliance with State Law. The proposed amendment is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. *Project Manager: Sean Gallegos*

Sean Gallegos, Senior Planner, presented the project.

Commissioners asked staff questions.

Chair Beninato opened the public comment period.

No one from the public provided comments.

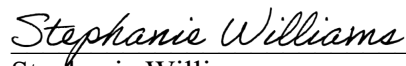
Chair Beninato closed the public comment period.

The Planning Commission discussed the project.

Motion by Commissioner Steinle and Second by Commissioner Roche to adopt a Resolution recommending the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment for a new Safety Element and revised Natural Environment & Hazards Element; and find the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS** – Chair Beninato shared comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

  
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Stephanie Williams  
Development Services Deputy Director

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